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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - POPULATION AND THE FAMILY

1. COMMITTEE III ON POPULATION AND THE FAMILY BEGAN SESSIONS AFTERNOON AGUST 20. OFFICERS ELECTED WERE ALDABA LIM (PHILIPPINES) CHARIMAN; VICTOR MORGAN (COSTA RICA) VICE CHAIRMAN; ESTER BOSERUP (DENMARK) RAPPORTEUR. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS BASED ON SYMPOSIUM ON POPULATION AND FAMILY HELD IN HONOLULU AUGUST 1973 (E/CONF.60/CBP/2) AND THE REPORT OF THE UN SEC GEN ON THIS SUBJECT (E/CONF.60/6). HELVI SIPILA, UN ASSISTANT SEC GEN ADDRESSED MEETING. MRS. SIPILA MENTIONED THE FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ADOPTED BY THE UN IN 1970 WAS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT IS THAT OF COUPLES TO DETERMINE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF CHILDREN AND THAT THIS DECISION OF COUPLES AFFECTS THE GROWTH RATE AND SIZE OF FAMILIES. SHE DID NOT DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR DURING THIS OPENING ADDRESS AND SAID LITTLE THAT WAS NEW.

2. RANGE OF SUBJECT MATTER FOR DISCUSSION (IN EFFECT AN AGENDA)

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AS READ FROM CHAIR WILL INCLUDE (1) EFFECT OF MODERNIZATION

ON FAMILY AND RAMIFICATIONS; (2) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAMILY CYCLES AND CHANGES IN DEMOGRAPHIC, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL FACTORS; (3) INFLUENCE OF CHANGES IN FAMILY LIFE; (4) POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROBLEMS; AND (5) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AREAS OF RESEARCH. SUGGESTION FROM USDEL THAT STATUS OF WOMEN BE CONSIDERED ONE OF PRINCIPAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION SUPPORTED BY CANADA BUT NOT ADOPTED AS SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. BARNES

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